



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region

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## **UPDATE – AGRICULTURAL ORDER RENEWAL**

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) held a panel hearing to consider the staff recommendation for an updated Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (Draft Agricultural Order). The Water Board heard a staff presentation and many hours of comments on the recommended Draft Agricultural Order. The Water Board continued the hearing to allow all members of the public who came to the meeting an opportunity to present their oral comments (the Chair provided an opportunity for anyone at the March meeting to come to the podium and address the Board if they would not be able to attend the next meeting in San Luis Obispo). The hearing will be continued at a Water Board meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in San Luis Obispo. Members of the public who submitted testimony cards in Watsonville on March 17th, indicating their intent to provide oral comments at the March 17 Board Meeting, but who did not address the Board, will be able to provide their oral comments at the May 4, 2011 Board meeting. The Board established a written comment deadline of January 3, 2011, and is not accepting additional written comments. By April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Water Board will post the agenda notice for the May 4, 2011 meeting.

Detailed information about the Agricultural Order Renewal is available on the Water Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water\\_issues/programs/ag\\_waivers/ag\\_order.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/ag_order.shtml)